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these came into being as maximum production facilities that had to pay out all this \$120 million, they'd have to be larger permanent facilities, would they not?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, but I don't think anybody has the intention of never producing more than 100,000 gallon. The intention is to bring it in larger.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so they would put this temporary still on one part of the site,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and then build the permanent plant...

SENATOR KREMER: Later.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...at a later point in time. But the permanent plant would benefit Nebraska.

SENATOR KREMER: Oh, right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So the reason that we don't want them to do that is what?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I think just the unknown factor, how much money we need? I mean, how do we know how to plan? The EPIC Fund that's been in place, the checkoff, and everything, do we come in every year and change it or that we put a deadline? It was a fuzzy line, and if we don't know where we're at, some predictability about how to fund the EPIC Fund. From the very beginning it was a checkoff and it was going to go so long and it was going to fund all these plants. But if we have to readjust that every year, even like coming in now with \$42 million, where are we going to find that at a time like this? What are we going to find if we need another 100 and some million potential? And Senator Baker and I cosigned a bill...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR KREMER: ...to...